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President:	Mr. Yáñez-Barnuevo	(Spain)
Members:	Algeria	Mr. Baali
	Angola	Mr. Gaspar Martins
	Benin	Mr. Adechi
	Brazil	Mr. Valle
	Chile	Mr. Maquieira
	China	Mr. Zhang Yishan
	France	Mr. Poirier
	Germany	Mr. Pleuger
	Pakistan	Mr. Mahmood
	Philippines	Mr. Baja
	Romania	Mr. Motoc
	Russian Federation	Mr. Konuzin
	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Sir Emyr Jones Parry
	United States of America	Mr. Danforth

Agenda

The situation in Liberia

Fourth progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Liberia (S/2004/725)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.40 a.m.

Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

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Fourth progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Liberia (S/2004/725)

The President (*spoke in Spanish*): I should like to inform the Council that I have received a letter from the representative of Liberia, in which he requests to be invited to participate in the consideration of the item on the Council's agenda. In conformity with the usual practice, I propose, with the consent of the Council, to invite that representative to participate in the discussion without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Kawah (Liberia) took a seat at the Council table.

The President (*spoke in Spanish*): The Security Council will now begin its consideration of the item on its agenda. The Council is meeting in accordance with the understanding reached in its prior consultations.

Members of the Council have before them the fourth progress report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Liberia, document S/2004/725. Members also have before them document S/2004/740, which contains the text of a draft resolution prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

It is my understanding that the Council is ready to proceed to the vote on the draft resolution before it. Unless I hear any objection, I shall now put the draft resolution to the vote.

There being no objection, it is so decided.

A vote was taken by show of hands.

In favour:

Algeria, Angola, Benin, Brazil, Chile, China, France, Germany, Pakistan, Philippines, Romania, Russian Federation, Spain, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America

The President (*spoke in Spanish*): There were 15 votes in favour. The draft resolution has been adopted unanimously as resolution 1561 (2004).

I give the floor to the representative of the United States of America, who wishes to make a statement following the vote.

Mr. Danforth (United States of America): It is the policy of the United States Government to ensure that members of the armed services of the United States of America participating in United Nations peace operations are protected from criminal prosecution or other assertion of jurisdiction by the International Criminal Court. Normally, the United States would seek express provisions providing such protection for personnel from States not party to the Rome Statute that contribute to any mission established or authorized by the United Nations. In this instance, the United States maintains sufficient bilateral protections with the Government of Liberia to facilitate continued United States participation in the United Nations Mission in Liberia absent such express provisions in the mandate extension.

The President (*spoke in Spanish*): There are no further speakers on my list.

The Security Council has thus concluded the present stage of its consideration of the item on its agenda.

The meeting rose at 10.45 a.m.